

Rosh Hashanah greeting card, 1970

"An abundance of blessings for the New Year"

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Which famous Israeli dance is depicted on this New Year postcard?

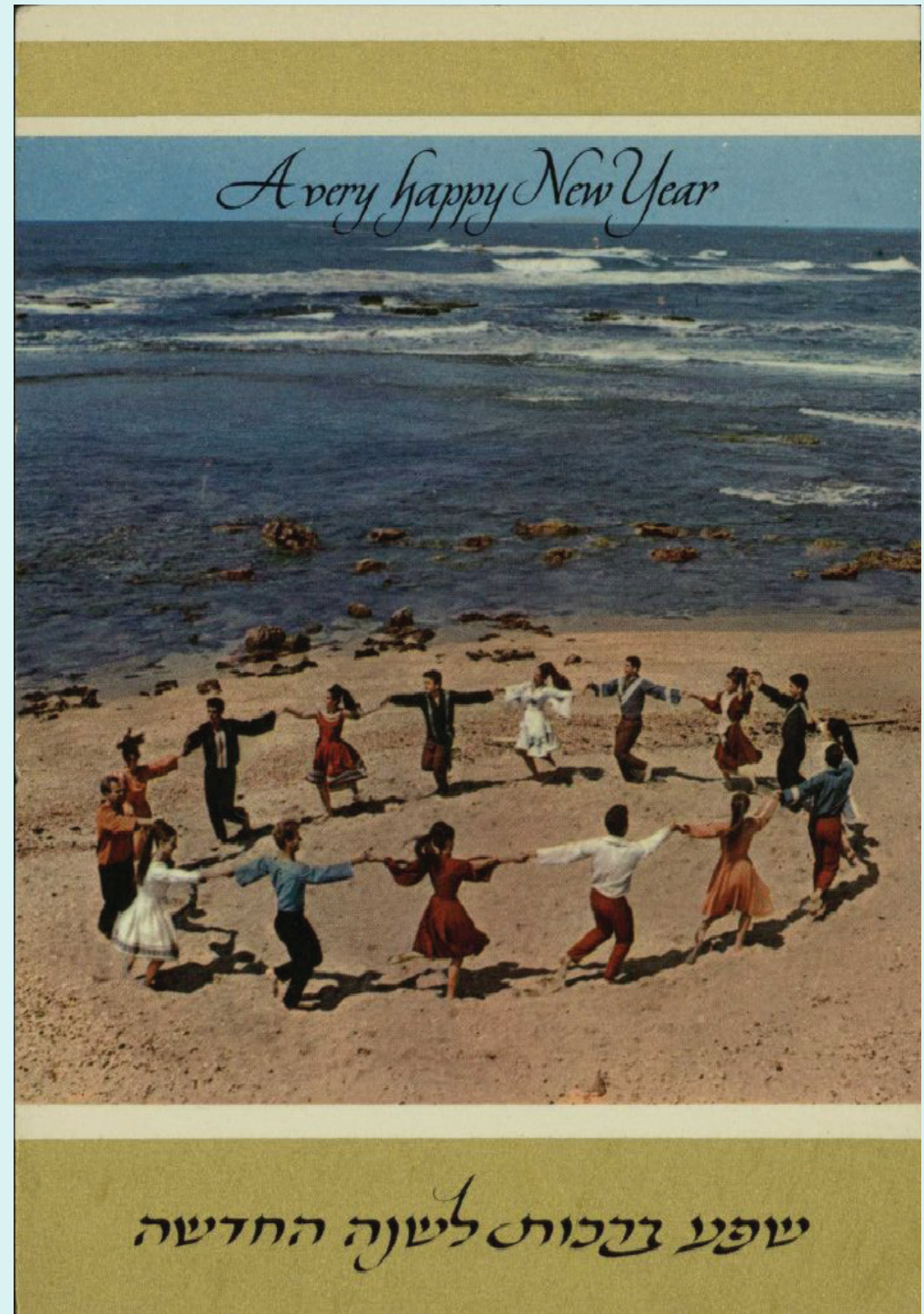
What is the origin of this dance?

What does this dance symbolize?

What message does this postcard send for the New Year?

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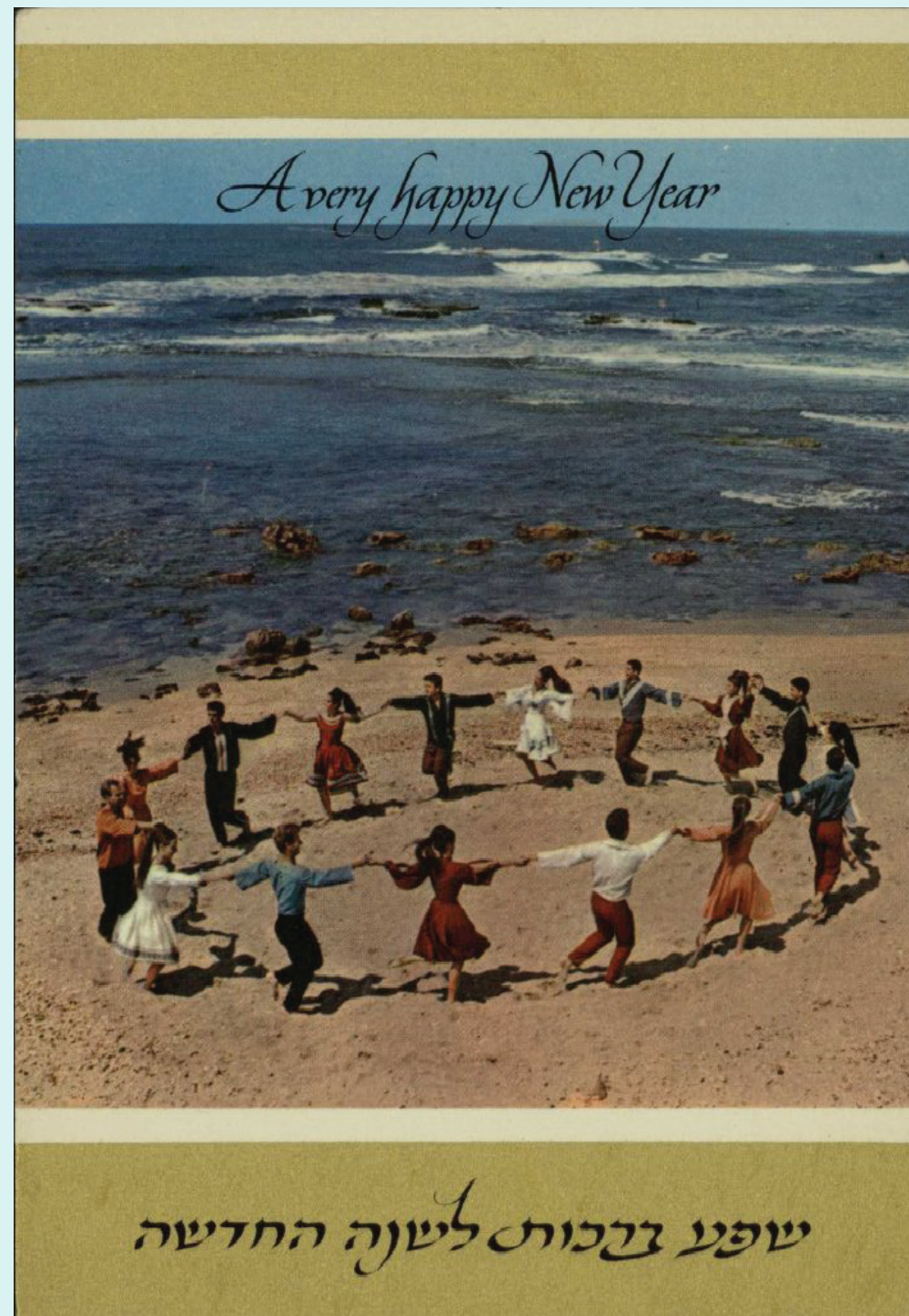


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The Hora dance is featured on this Rosh Hashanah greeting card. Originating in the Balkans, the Hora was brought to Israel by immigrants from Eastern Europe and has since been identified with the Land of Israel and Zionism.

The Hora is a circle dance in 4/4 time which allows equality among the dancers and a sense of togetherness. These features of the dance suited the pioneering spirit that prevailed in the country in the early decades following Israeli independence and was nostalgically commemorated years later, as in this card, which likely dates to the 1970s.





What is the significance of 1967?

What place is illustrated on the postcard?

What does this postcard symbolize?

**"A Happy New Year –
A Year of Peace and
Security." – 1967**

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1967 was an eventful year. After days of anxious waiting and uncertainty, Israel quickly defeated its neighbors in the Six Day War. One of the symbols of this victory was the liberation of Jerusalem's Old City after 19 years of Jordanian rule and 2,000 years of Jewish longing for the city. The postcard shows an armored vehicle entering the Old City through the Lion's Gate. Blasts of mortar fire can be seen through the gate and outside it.

Written on the postcard is the Hebrew text: "Like lions, the warriors of Israel prevailed," along with "Peace and security," appearing twice.



An El Al plane with the flags of Israel and Egypt, 1977

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What happened between Israel and Egypt in 1977?



What do you know about El Al company?

What languages do you see on the plane?

What message does this postcard send?

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On November 20, 1977, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat delivered these words during his historic visit to the Israeli Knesset in Jerusalem. A month later, in December 1977, the historic first El Al flight took off from Ben-Gurion International Airport to Cairo.

To mark the occasion, a Rosh Hashanah greeting was issued with an illustration of an El Al airplane decorated with Israeli and Egyptian flags and the words Peace in Hebrew and Arabic.

